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HEMATOPOIETIC TISSUE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2003. Applicant elects without traverse claims of Group I, independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-3, reserving the right to prosecute other groups in continuing applications. In addition, please replace claims 1-3 of Group I with amended claims 12-22 as follows. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. The Remarks for this Amendment begin on page 3 of this paper.